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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

22 OF JUNE 2, 2015

PATRICK **Ø**ØAWA ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS UNDER PHASE 32 OF THE STEWART B. MCKINNEY ACT EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM (EFSP)

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Community and Senior Services (CSS) has been awarded federal Stewart B. McKinney Act funding under Phase 32 in the amount of \$7,000 for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) FoodNet operated throughout Los Angeles County. These federal grant funds are being passed through the United Way to CSS and will augment local food commodity donations to the network of ten CSS-operated community and senior centers.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to accept approximately \$7,000 in funds from the Stewart B. McKinney Act for the EFSP Phase 32 for the purchase of food commodities by June 30, 2015.
- 2. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS or designee, to use the EFSP funds to purchase food from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and the Food Bank of Southern California in an amount not to exceed the grant funds.
- 3. Delegate authority to the Director of CSS, or designee, to accept any future Stewart B. McKinney Act funds and execute contracts and/or contract amendments annually over the next five (5) years through Fiscal Year 2019-20, as needed, provided that the Director informs the Board and the Chief Executive Office in writing within ten (10) work days of accepting the funding.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The recommended action will allow CSS to augment the Emergency Food and Shelter Program in four Supervisorial Districts. The funding allocation is based upon federal poverty guidelines and the various predetermined Service Planning Areas (SPAs). The EFSP grant funds are projected to serve approximately 28,000 meals to area residents by June 30, 2015.

Funding allocations for the identified period are based upon Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines and are projected to result in the distribution of meals as follows:

Number of Clients Served by Supervisorial District

District 1: 12,836 District 2: 7,000 District 4: 3,500 District 5: 4,664

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goals: Goal 1 - Operational Effectiveness and Goal 3 - Integrated Services Delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This program is fully financed by federal funds and there will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Stewart B. McKinney Act provides grant funding annually to local food and shelter programs to help those most in need. These funds are administered by FEMA and are governed by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. CSS was awarded \$7,000 to purchase food from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and the Food Bank of Southern California for the period of March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 however, funds were delayed at the federal level and were released for local level use in March 2015 and will be expended by CSS upon Board approval. Food is obtained at .25 cents per pound, although the retail value is approximately 16 times greater.

Distribution and use of the food to be purchased with the EFSP grant funds will be based on identified needs of the various SPAs and federal poverty guidelines. Attachment A details the projected distribution for this period.

FoodNet operates food pantries through the network of CSS-operated community and senior centers as identified in Attachment B. The EFSP meals augment other USDA commodities that CSS receives and distributes to the unemployed, low income, homeless, and senior citizens residing within the County.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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CSS is being awarded \$7,000 through the federal Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP). The local lead agency, United Way, allocated CSS its proportionate share of funds for the period of March 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. EFSP funds are available annually based on identified needs of the various SPAs and federal poverty guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions for the EFSP will enhance current services and ensure continuation of the Department's Emergency Food Distribution Program.

CONCLUSION

If there are questions please contact, Martha Molina-Aviles, Program Manager, at (323) 260-2003 or MMolina-Aviles@css.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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Community and Senior Services Allocation Distribution to SPAs

Agency Area		Total				
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Amounts
SPA 1:						
SPA 2:					\$1,166	\$1,166
SPA 3:	\$1,167					\$1,167
SPA 4:	\$1,166					\$1,166
SPA 5:						
SPA 6:		\$1,167				\$1,167
SPA 7:	\$876			\$292		\$1,168
SPA 8:		\$583		\$583		\$1,166
Total	\$3,209	\$1,750		\$875	\$1,166	\$7,000

Community and Senior Services 2014/15 FoodNet Emergency Food Distribution Sites

Service Center	Supervisorial District	SPA's Served	Telephone	Distribution Day	Link to DPSS*
Centro Maravilla Service Center 4716 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90022	1 st	3, 4, & 7	(323) 260-2804	Daily Monday-Friday 9am – 4pm	Yes
East Los Angeles Community Service Center 133 North Sunol Drive Los Angeles, CA 90063	1 st	3, 4, & 7	(323) 260-2801	Monday, Tuesday, & Friday 9:30am – 12pm 1pm – 4pm	Yes
San Gabriel Valley Service Center 1441 Santa Anita Avenue South El Monte, CA 91733	1 st	3 & 7	(626) 575-5431	Wednesday 9am – 11am	Yes
Los Nietos Community and Senior Center 11640 West Slauson Avenue Whittier, CA 90606	4 th	7	(562) 699-9898	Every Thursday 11am - 2pm & Every Friday 9am – 1:30pm, 2:30pm – 4pm	Yes
Asian Service Center 14112 S. Kingsley Drive Gardena, CA 90249	2 nd	8	(310) 217-7300	Monday - Friday 8am – 4pm	Yes
East Rancho Dominguez Service Center 4513 E. Compton Boulevard Compton, CA 90221	2 nd	6	(310) 603-7401	Every 4 th Friday 8am – 10am	Yes
Florence/Firestone Service Center 7807 South Compton Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90001	2 nd	6	(323) 586-6502	2 nd Tuesday of the month 10am – 1pm	Yes
Willowbrook Senior Center 12915 Jarvis Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90061	2 nd	6	(310) 217-5650	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 10am – 12:00pm	Yes
San Pedro Service Center 769 West Third Street San Pedro, CA 90731	4 th	8	(310) 519-6091	Tuesday - Friday 2pm – 4:30pm	Yes
Santa Clarita Valley Service Center 24271 San Fernando Road Newhall, CA 91321	5 th	2	(661) 254-0040	Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm	Yes

Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) has been participating at the above service centers offering clients applications for eligibility of food stamps. Revised 04/2015